

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In the Brief Description Of The Figures section, please amend the second and third paragraphs of page 7, from lines 7-9 to read as follows:

"Fig. 3 is a perspective view of yet another embodiment of a representative absorbent article incorporating an absorbent structure in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the absorbent article as shown in Fig. 2 in an unfolded state;"

In the Specification, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 15 on page 13 with the following:

"The score lines **22** and **24** also define a pair of opposing lateral flaps **38** and **40**. In order to convert the blank **20** as shown in Fig. 7 into the absorbent structure **10** as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, the lateral flaps **38** and **40** are folded over onto the front portion **12**, the middle portion **14**, and the rear portion **16**. As shown in Figs. 5 and 6, when the lateral flaps **38** and **40** are folded, the middle openings **26** and **28** provide the absorbent structure **10** with an overall hourglass-like shape. Further, the folded lateral flaps in conjunction with the rear openings create basis weight differentials over the length of the absorbent structure **10**."

On page 16 of the Application, please replace the second full paragraph beginning on line 24 with the following:

"As shown in further detail in Figs. 1-4, the chassis **62** also defines a pair of longitudinally opposed waist edges which are designated front waist edge **80** and back waist edge **82**. The front region **64** is contiguous with the front waist edge **80**, and the back region **66** is contiguous with the back waist edge **82**. The waist edges **80**, **82** are configured to encircle the waist of the wearer when worn and define the waist opening **76**. For reference, arrows **84** and **86** depicting the orientation of the longitudinal axis and the transverse axis, respectively, of the absorbent article **60** are illustrated in Figs.

3 and Fig. 4.”

In the Detailed Description section of the present Application, please replace the second full paragraph on page 18 beginning at line 18 with the following paragraph:

“As shown in Figs. 1-3, to ~~Fe~~ enhance containment and/or absorption of body exudates, the absorbent article **60** may include a front waist elastic member **102**, a rear waist elastic member **104**, and leg elastic members **106**, as are all known to those skilled in the art (see ~~Fig. 4~~Fig. 1). The waist elastic members **102** and **104** can be operatively joined to the outer cover **72** and/or the bodyside liner **70** along the opposite waist edges **80** and **82**, and can extend over part or all of the waist edges. The leg elastic members **106** are suitably operatively joined to the outer cover **72** and/or bodyside liner **70** along opposite side edges of the chassis **62** and positioned in the crotch region **68** of the absorbent article **60**.”